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**Upcoming
Board of
Commissioners
Meetings**

University of Michigan Road Scholars

May 9th and 10th provided an opportunity to participate in the 13th Michigan Road Scholars Tour (MRS). Thirty-three professors and administrators from U of M Ann Arbor, U of M Dearborn and U of M Flint, representing a cross-section of schools, institutes and centers of study boarded a bus bound for visits around the State. Their goal was to expose the professors and staff to the rich and diverse resources in Michigan and the distinctive culture, economic factors, history and issues in these areas.



The MRS tour in Bay County included a visit to Bay Carbon, Inc., in order to gain knowledge of the company's successful history in Michigan's uneven society. Mike Seward, President and CEO, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, participated in this visit as well as Tom Clare, Bay Carbon and Chris Girard, Do All, Inc. "This was another example of teamwork, cooperation, and unity among our local government leaders, business leaders and education." Seward said.

The evening presentation held at the DoubleTree included a panel of Chris Shannon, Mayor of the City of Bay City, Tom Hickner, Bay County Executive, and Laura Ogar, Director of Environmental Affairs and Community Development for Bay County. An overview of Bay County's demographics, industrial history, business and economic development were discussed. A question and answer session from the group followed the presentation.

Michael Rein, Office for Government Relations at the University of Michigan said, " The University of Michigan Road Scholars thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Bay City as part of our annual, week long tour of the State of Michigan. Our tour stops at Bay Carbon, Inc. and Do-All, Inc., along with the panel discussion from community leaders Tom Hickner, Laura Ogar and Chris Shannon provided our participants an informative glimpse of the Bay area."

Tom Hickner said, " I am very pleased to have participated in the



Ways & Means Committee Meeting

July 2

Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 9

Personnel Judicial & Human Services Committee Meetings

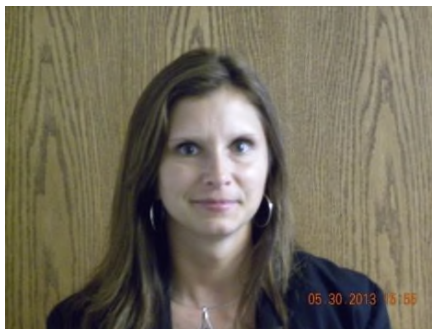
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Please note: You can find Board Calendars, Agendas and Meeting results on the [Board of Commissioners webpage](#). You also can find links to view the videos of each Board meeting, filmed by Bay3TV, on our [video webpage](#).

*All meetings are held at 4:00 PM in the Chambers on the 4th floor of the Bay County Building.

tour and I welcome the opportunity to illustrate the resilience of our community in a tough economic climate and highlight what Bay County has to offer through collaborations and cooperation with our community leaders and residents."

Personnel Announcement



I am pleased to announce the appointment of Jeanie Deckert to the position of Wellness Coordinator with the Personnel and Employee Relations Department. Jeanie most recently worked as the Human Resources Director with a Home Health Care Agency in West Branch for 15 years. She along with her husband own a Landscaping Business in the Alger area. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelors' in Business Administration from Northwood University.

Jeanie lives in Alger with her husband, Jim and her twins, Laiken and Carson. She enjoys most outdoor recreation such as camping, fishing, golfing, and playing softball. Spending time with family and friends is very important to her.

For the time being, Jeanie will have an office on the ground floor of the County Building within the Personnel Department and may also be found on the 7th floor; her email address is deckertj@baycounty.net

This position has two primary goals, 1) increasing the overall health and wellness of employees as well as their families through education and support 2) curbing the ever-increasing cost to the County and to employees by implementing quality control systems and eliminating waste. Jeanie will be tasked with promoting the resources and programs available at the Bay County Golf Course, Community Center, Civic Arena, along with community events throughout Bay County.

Bay Alerts Sirens

Bay County 9-1-1 Central Dispatch has installed six additional Outdoor Public Warning Sirens to the existing Bay County Public Warning System. Residents who live





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Equalization Report



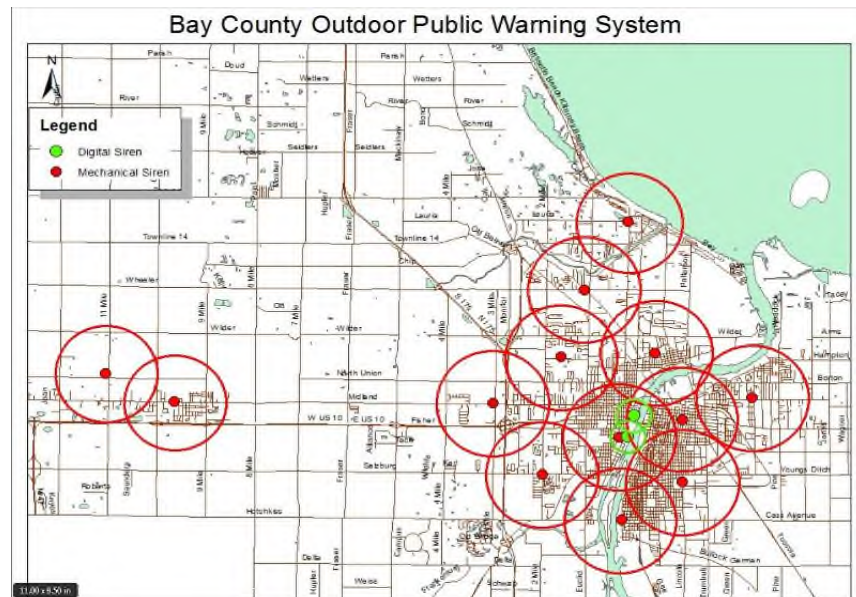
The 2013 Bay County Equalization Report is now available for viewing on the Bay County Webpage.

This report outlines the equalized and taxable values of the county as a whole, by classification, and highlights the percentage of change from the previous year for

within a mile radius of the following areas will be able to hear the new sirens: intersection of Wheeler and Old Kawkawlin in Bangor Township, intersection of Murphy and Lasalle in Bay City's North end, Kiesel Road near John Glenn High School, intersection of Midland Road and Noel Way near Western High School, near the Cass Avenue boat launch, and Lincoln Avenue near the water tower.

These are in addition to the nine previously installed sirens in Bay County (see map.)

The initial test of the new public warning sirens took place at 1:00pm on May 15th, 2013.



The siren tests will resume their normal schedule. They will be activated for a full three minute test the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm and a short "growl" test at 6:00pm the same day.

Birding Trail

The Saginaw Bay Birding Trail is on its way. The Pinconning Township nature preserve, Wah Sash Kah Moqua is one of around 50 locations along the Saginaw Bay that will make up this trail. The trail will provide the opportunity to see and appreciate the birds of the Saginaw Bay Region.



This "birding trail" will feature "Hotspot" signs, a website and a field guide to help bird watchers and tourists navigate the 142 miles that the trail encompasses.

each individual township/city.

The data is illustrated in the included charts and graphs within the report.

To view the report [click here](#).

Beach Wellness



Fun in the sun is on its way with the Beach Wellness event on June 22.

This event provides a variety of activities and fun for the whole family. Run or walk in the 5k, sign up for beach volleyball, or just enjoy our beautiful Great Lakes shoreline. An antique car show will also be there.

Come out and enjoy our areas natural attractions and have some fun!

[Click here for the Volleyball Competition](#)

[Click here for the](#)

This will be a major tourist attraction for the region and all the necessary amenities will be in place around these sites. The birds are a "natural resource" for the region and the state.

The trail should be ready to host visitors in the fall.

Where & How should future Great Lakes Funding be spent?

The Great Lakes Task Force is currently seeking Public Comment to help direct the next funding cycle for Great Lakes Restoration. In particular there are several Charge Questions and links to the website for more information.



Your voice really CAN make a difference, please look at the questions and provide even a brief response. Please be sure to cut and paste and send comments to both sites to make sure they get received and properly noticed.

"The Great Lakes Restoration funding was set up to focus on restoration work to help hard hit areas with legacy water pollution problems, like the Saginaw Bay. Over the past two decades, the regional communities have all invested in pollution prevention and treatment upgrades. These were expensive infrastructure improvements and we are only now starting to see significant improvements in the water quality of the bay.

However restoring natural features that were damaged from past practices is the type of project we envisioned the Great Lakes restoration money would help fund. For example the bay used to have rock reefs that have been buried under sediment. The Coryeon and Callahan reefs had been prime spawning habitat for sturgeon and walleye and lake herring and it would be great to restore or recreate new areas of rock reef to replace this lost fish habitat. Many agricultural agencies have worked to get filter strips and stream buffers in place, but there is much more to be done to prevent further sediments from getting into the bay.

It seems logical that we should get some important restoration work done first, before we start spending it on the vast unknown variables of climate change. It seems premature to move onto a whole new area of study when we haven't adequately addressed the problems for which the funding was originally designated." Laura Ogar, Director of Bay County Environmental Affairs and

[7th Annual Beach Wellness 10K and 5K run, 5K walk and kids 1/4 mile run.](#)

Maximum Yield



The Bay County Environmental Affairs and Community Development Department was a key partner in the production of "Maximum Yield." This video highlights the importance of our agriculture to our local economy.

Bay County was a participant in the Agribusiness Council, which led this effort and actually wrote the grant proposal for funding to the Bay Area Community Foundation. The grant award was administered through the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

It was broadcast on April 7th on Delta's Q-TV.

Economic Development.

Charge Questions

- Currently climate change impacts and adaption are not explicitly included in the Action Plan. Should the connection between the Action Plan focus areas and the protection of the Great Lakes from the impacts of climate change be expressed more clearly in the next Action Plan? If so, how?
- In FY 2013, the federal agencies emphasized investments on three "priority" subjects: (1) expediting AOC cleanups, (2) reducing nutrients in priority watersheds, and (3) preventing the establishment of invasive species, particularly Asian Carp. Should we keep or modify these 3 priorities?
 - If we keep the current priority to expedite AOC cleanups, should we continue to balance our investments in efforts to so that we are completing all management actions to take some AOCs off the cleanup list soon, while continuing to invest in AOCs that may not be taken off the cleanup list for several years?
 - The federal agencies have targeted 3 priority watersheds for accelerated nutrient reduction work: (1) Maumee River/Western Lake Erie, (2) Lower Fox River/Green Bay, (3) Saginaw River/Bay Watersheds. If we keep the current priority to reduce nutrients in priority, should we also continue to focus conservation activities to have a stronger impact in some sub-watersheds of these 3 priority watersheds? Or should we disperse our conservation activities so they may have a wider geographical impact throughout the 3 priority watersheds (but potentially weaker impact across sub-watersheds)? How can we improve participation of key landowners in conservation programs in these watersheds?
 - If we keep the current priority to prevent invasive species from becoming established, should we target our GLRI investments at a few specific species? Or should we address other invasive species, too, and if so, which ones? How do we strike the right balance between investing in the control of invasive species already in the Great Lakes and preventing new invasive species from entering them?
- How Should the next Action Plan provide better guidance on the selection and prioritization process for restoration projects outside of AOCs?
- Should the next Action Plan give priority to activities that leverage non-GLRI funding, where applicable, thereby enabling the GLRI funding to do more? Should it give greater priority to large-scale restoration projects (\$3-10M) that are less likely to ever be realized without GLRI resources?
- Should the GLRI track jobs created or sustained through

GLRI projects? Should the GLRI help promote environmental justice and support disadvantaged communities?

- Should scientific indicators developed by the International Joint Commission or other official processes be considered for use refining Measures of Progress or other aspects of the GLRI Action Plan? If so, how should indicators be taken into account in the next GLRI Action Plan?

Please post your responses on the following websites:

<http://qlri.us/comment.html>

actionplan@qlnpo.net

DOA Pet Food Distribution

The Bay County Division on Aging is pleased to announce it has received a grant award in the amount of \$2,500 from the Banfield Charitable Trust Fund. The funds will be used to help support the Division on Aging in providing a pet food delivery program that will enable homebound clients to receive food and litter for their companion animals.



The Division on Aging will be partnering with the Humane Society of Bay County to help package and distribute the pet food to the homebound clients.

Foster Homes



The Bay County Department of Human Services is asking individuals interested in being a foster parent to please contact:

Renee Rex, at (989)895-2178 or (989)324-7580

Manufacturers Directory for 2013

Bay Future and the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce have updated the Bay County Manufacturers Directory. This

publication lists the names, contact information, and vital



information of manufacturers within Bay County.

Businesses in this directory are categorized using the definition, "Manufacturing is the process of converting raw materials, components, or parts into finished goods that meet a customer's expectations or specifications."

To visit the updated directory, please click the link below:

[Bay County Manufacturers Directory 2013](#)

Fresh Air Fit at the Bay City State Park

This summer at the park we have a new program called Fresh Air Fit which offers fitness classes taught by local instructors like the YMCA, Expressions in Motion Dance Studio, personal trainers and more. A full listing of statewide events is available online at www.michigan.gov/freshfit. To see a list of classes at Bay City State Recreation Area, visit www.michigan.gov/baycity and click the "[Fresh Air Fit Programs](#)" link. The following classes have already begun at the park:



- Yogalates, T/Th. 10:30-11:30 a.m.: a blended class of Yoga and Pilates, focused on breathing, strength, flexibility and balance. \$5.00/ drop-in or \$40/ 10 classes.
- Martial Arts Outdoor Bootcamp, Tuesday/Thursdays, 11am
 - Instructor: Cosens MMA, (989) 297-8558, charliecosens@yahoo.com
 - This class will offer physical conditioning such as running, various different exercises in circuit routines and very basic martial arts
- Walk & Talk, T/Th. 12-1 p.m.: a low-impact 45-minute walking session followed by a 15-minute talk on nutrition. \$5.00/ drop-in or \$40/ 10 classes.
- Pre-Weekend Cardio BLAST, Fri. 10:45-11:45 a.m.: medium-to-high intensity exercise circuits to blast away the calories. \$5.00/ drop-in or \$40/ 10 classes.

A Recreation Passport is required for all vehicles entering the state park. A Recreation Passport can be purchased for registered Michigan vehicles for \$11 at the Secretary of State when drivers renew their license plate, or at the state park. Nonresidents can purchase the Recreation Passport (\$30.50 annual; \$8.40 daily) at any state park or recreation area or through the Michigan e-Store at www.michigan.gov/estore.

4-H

The Bay County 4-H Youth Program celebrated the accomplishments of its members at an event



on Tuesday, June 11. It provided an opportunity for people to see and listen about how 4-H makes a difference in the community.

Youth members spoke excitedly and knowledgeably, next to tables filled with items and pictures, about their activities and accomplishments. The activities range from archery to raising livestock. It is a very diverse program that offers a great deal for a range of ages.

Bay County 4-H happenings:

- Bay County 4-H Livestock Auction
 - Thursday, August 8, 2013 beginning at 6pm at the Bay County Fairgrounds
- Harvest for All
 - Partnership between Bay County 4-H, Farm Bureau, Kent Feeds and Hemlock Elevator
 - 4-H members volunteer 8 weeks of summer to raise chickens to donate to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission and the Women's Center.
 - 4-H families raised a total of 260 chickens in 2012
 - Residents of the Bay County Juvenile Home raise 10 chickens annually to learn about community service and agriculture
 - The Harvest for All project provides over 1,000 pounds of meat to feed the hungry annually
- Cloverbud Camp
 - Bay County 4-H will be holding 4-H Cloverbud Day Camp on July 9 - 12, 2013, at MSU Extension - Bay County. Youth ages five- to eight-years old are invited to learn about food science, animals, healthy lifestyles, and much more! The theme this year is "Around the World and Beyond in Four Days!" Each day youth will have fun and exciting topics to explore. Some of the events include walking field trips to exciting places, science experiments, and tie dying your own t-shirt. Youth do not need to be registered 4-H members to attend. The cost is \$50 per youth.

[Click here to visit the Bay County 4-H Webpage](#)

Just a Reminder: Don't Forget to Check for Job Postings at Bay County



Bay County has many responsibilities and services that it provides its residents. This could not be done without the hard work and skills of its employees.

On occasion, positions within Bay County become vacant and available. Bay County's Personnel Department will post these on the County's webpage, along with pay scale, duties, qualifications and other necessary information.

With the addition of our Summer Recreation activities and programs getting into full swing, approximately 86 full and part time positions have been filled. Welcome to Bay County.

To view Bay County's Employment Opportunities, please [click here](#)

Sincerely,

Tom Hickner
Bay County

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